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NEWS AND NOTES

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held in Columbus, Ohio, the members of the Society being guests of the Chamber of Commerce and Ohio State University. The American Economic and Statistical Associations and the American Association for Labor Legislation held their meetings at the same time.

For the first time the precedent of re-electing the president for a second term was broken because President George E. Vincent would not consent to re-election on account of his recent selection as president of the Rockefeller Foundation.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: *President*, GEORGE E. HOWARD, University of Nebraska; *First Vice-President*, CHARLES H. COOLEY, University of Michigan; *Second Vice-President*, FRANK W. BLACKMAR, University of Kansas; *Secretary-Treasurer*, SCOTT E. W. BEDFORD, University of Chicago; *Members of the Executive Committee*: EDWARD C. HAYES, University of Illinois; HOWARD B. WOOLSTON, College of the City of New York; MISS JULIA LATHROP, Federal Children's Bureau; CARL KELSEY, University of Pennsylvania; CECIL C. NORTH, Ohio State University; J. ELBERT CUTLER, Western Reserve University. The two last named are members of the Executive Committee for the first time.

The spirit characterizing the meeting was noticeably cordial. The members of the four associations look forward with great pleasure to these annual opportunities for renewing old acquaintances and forming new ones. The numbers attending this year permitted unusually friendly relations. The Deshler Hotel was well arranged for the meetings, and sufficiently protected the meetings of the societies from the general public. The day at Ohio State University was very profitable. The local committee, with Professor Carl E. Parry as chairman, handled the arrangements to the satisfaction of all. The committee succeeded, in a rarely charming way, in making the ladies in attendance feel welcome.

Many remarked upon the high grade of the papers presented. In the annual business meeting, upon the motion of Professor Lucius Moody Bristol of West Virginia University, it was decided to ascertain

from teachers of Sociology how many volumes of the *Proceedings* would be wanted for use in classroom-work as supplementary reading. The Managing Editor has arranged for a special price on the *Proceedings* in lots of five or ten copies.

The paper of Mr. C. E. Russell, on the "Non-Partisan League," proved to be so interesting that he was invited by the president to return to the afternoon meeting on Thursday and answer further questions. This interesting exercise occupied about forty-five minutes.

The Society will hold its next annual meeting in Rochester, New York, as the guest of the University of Rochester and the Chamber of Commerce.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Harold Stephen Bucklin (Brown, 1910) is Instructor in Social Science at Brown University. Daniel H. Kulp (Brown, 1913) is in charge of the Department of Sociology at Shanghai Baptist College. Herbert K. Dennis (Brown, 1912) is an Instructor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Illinois.

CITY COLLEGE, NEW YORK

City College has adopted a course of required study and group electives in the division of Social Science, leading to preparation for business, law, journalism, public and social service. Elementary Sociology is required of all in this group.

Mr. Julius Drachsler, B.A. 1913, is Secretary of the new School for Jewish Communal Work in New York.

Professor Woolston has been granted leave of absence for the spring term, 1917, to make a study of prostitution in America for the Bureau of Social Hygiene. Professor Maurice Parmelee, formerly of the University of Missouri, will conduct the courses at City College during this term.

CLARK UNIVERSITY

Dr. Arthur W. Calhoun, who was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Political and Social Science in Clark College, has also been appointed Lecturer in Sociology in Clark University. Mr. Calhoun was the first recipient of the Doctor's degree from the Department of Sociology in Clark University, which was placed on a new basis in 1915 with the appointment of Dr. Frank H. Hankins as Assistant Professor of Sociology.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Mr. F. A. Ross has been appointed Instructor in Sociology. His work deals chiefly with statistical phases of sociology. A distinctly undergraduate course has been introduced this year for the first time in Columbia College. Several new courses in Social Science have been added to the curriculum of the Extension Department. One on Elementary Principles of Sociology is given by Mr. R. G. Smith, former Fellow in Sociology. Another on Social Policies is conducted by Mr. F. J. Thomas.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS COLLEGE

Professor David Snedden, recently Commissioner of Education of Massachusetts, offers two courses of lectures, a practicum, and a seminar in Educational Sociology, and a course in Vocational Education.

MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Mr. Joseph F. Novitski, formerly county superintendent of schools in Brown County, Wisconsin, was this year appointed Assistant in the Department of Rural Sociology of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Mr. Charles G. Baird, graduate student assistant in this department last year, gave courses in Rural Sociology in the summer session at the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Russell F. Lund, graduate student assistant in this department last year, is now Director of the work in Agriculture at Rockville, Connecticut.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY; SCHOOL OF COMMERCE, ACCOUNTS, AND
FINANCE

A Sociological Society was organized at New York University primarily for the purpose of keeping the approximately 1,200 former students of the department in touch with each other and with the younger generation of present students. A luncheon at the St. Denis Hotel on October 30 was well attended, and various committees were appointed for drafting a constitution and for nominating officers. The society will hold four meetings a year, two in a near-by hotel and two in the university building at Washington Square.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Professor Ralph E. Heilman, of the University of Illinois, has been appointed Professor of Economics and Social Science at Northwestern University.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Professor Paul L. Vogt, head of the Department of Rural Economics and Sociology at Ohio State University, has resigned his position to accept that of superintendent of the Department of Rural Work of the Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He will have charge of the development of the home-mission work as related to rural and village communities throughout the United States. His headquarters will be at 17th and Arch streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

At Ohio Wesleyan University, the enrolment in the Sociology courses this semester is 230. This total does not include the students taking courses on the Social Aspects of Christianity and Social Psychology, which are under the jurisdiction of other departments. Eight courses in Sociology are offered; three are given each semester and two are alternating. The introductory course on Social Problems and Conditions has the largest enrolment, though the succeeding course on the Principles of Sociology is also largely elected.

For two years successively a group of selected students has been working on the problems of the village. Attention has been restricted to the more easily formulated problems and those objective factors in village life which lend themselves most readily to description and analysis. It is the plan to deal next year with the more complex psychological phases and to study human nature and the human factor in community life.

A course on Rural Life alternates with another on The Modern City and Its Problems. Other courses offered are those dealing with Social Evolution, Charities and Corrections, and Constructive Social Agencies and Movements. The latter course deals primarily with those voluntary associations advocating definite legislative programs and promoting particular social reforms. A study is made of the technique of social engineering as it is exemplified by these organizations, i.e., not merely what they stand for, but the methods they use to "put over" their programs.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Dr. Ernest W. Burgess, formerly of Ohio State University, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Sociology.

Associate Professor Scott E. W. Bedford has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Sociology.

Associate Professor Frederick Starr will conduct investigations in Japan and Korea during the entire year 1917.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Professor U. G. Weatherly, of Indiana University, taught in the 1916 summer session of the University of Colorado. The investigation of county jails, which has been started by the National Committee on Prisons, is being conducted in the state of Colorado by Professor F. A. Bushee; sixty-two county jails are to be visited.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

The Department of Sociology of the University of Florida has gained nearly 50 per cent in the number of enrolled students over any previous enrolment.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Under the leadership of Dr. R. E. Hieronymus, Community Adviser of the University of Illinois, a series of three Better Community Conferences were held during November and December, 1916; one for central Illinois at Galesburg, one for southern Illinois at Centralia, and one for northern Illinois at Fullerton Hall, Chicago. These conferences are a part of the Illinois "A.B.C. [A Better Community] Movement," and are preliminary to the better organization of all the social forces of the state prior to the next conference to be held at the University, probably in April, 1917.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Manual C. Elmer was elected Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Kansas in June, 1916. He is working largely along the line of rural sociology, municipal sociology, and social surveys. Mr. Elmer received his B.S. at Northwestern College in 1911; his M.A. at the University of Illinois in 1912, and his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1914. He was Professor of Economics and Sociology at Fargo College, North Dakota, from 1914 to 1916. He gave lectures in Sociology at the University of Minnesota the summer session of 1916. His publications are limited to the *Social Survey of Fargo*, 1915.

Mr. Walter Blaine Bodenhafer was elected Instructor in Sociology, June, 1916. Mr. Bodenhafer received his A.B. at Indiana University in 1911, his LL.B. at the same institution in 1912, and his A.M. at the University of Kansas in 1915. He is carrying on investigations regarding the minimum wage. Mr. Bodenhafer's special work in the University of Kansas is along the line of social pathology, remedial and corrective agencies, and public institutions.

The Department of Sociology has just completed a survey of the liquor and temperance question of Kansas. This has been sent to the state printer for publication and distribution. It takes up the history of the temperance movement, the history of the prohibitory law, statistics of the amount of liquor consumed in a single year in Kansas, relation of prohibition to crime, insanity, health, etc. Last April a social survey of the town of Lawrence was completed under the direction of the Department of Sociology. Professor E. W. Burgess, now of the University of Chicago, directed the field work of the survey.

The Department of Sociology is introducing a new course in Demography, given by Professor W. J. V. Deacon, of the Kansas State Board of Health.

The demand for trained sociologists is continually increasing. Two members of Dr. M. C. Elmer's class in Applied Sociology at Fargo College are now actively engaged in mining camps. Allan R. Carpenter is the employees' representative at Lester, Colorado, and Luther C. Lawyer is the welfare secretary at Walsen, Colorado.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

The History Department conducts researches which have considerable sociological interest. At the present time Mr. Oscar S. Smith, a graduate student in the department, is making a study of the social service of the Methodist church in Maine.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Arthur Evans Wood has been appointed Instructor in Applied Sociology at the University of Michigan. Mr. Wood, after graduating from Harvard, spent four years as Instructor in Social Science at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, taking also an active part in social work and investigation and serving on several municipal and state committees. He is now spending his second year in graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and also serving as secretary of the Intercollegiate Division of the National Municipal League. He undertook last year a

preliminary social survey of Princeton, New Jersey. His work at Michigan will begin in the summer of 1917.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Professor A. J. Todd is engaged in a study of the "Labor Turn Over in Charitable Agencies." This is an application of principles of scientific management to philanthropic agencies. The Dean of the Graduate School has appointed a committee, representing the four social science departments—Economics, Political Science, History, and Sociology—to work out a plan for a closer working understanding between these departments. The committee has recommended a quarterly joint meeting of the faculty and graduate students—each department to assume responsibility for one of these meetings each year. The meetings are to be primarily scientific in purpose but will also allow a certain amount of social intercourse.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

At the University of Missouri, Professor Charles A. Ellwood has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Sociology for the year 1916-17. Professor Ellwood gave courses in the Principles of Sociology and the History of Social Philosophy at the University of Chicago the first term of the Summer Quarter of 1916. Dr. L. L. Bernard of the same department has been elected Chairman of the History and Political Science group for the present year. Mr. Carl C. Taylor, formerly Instructor in the University of Texas and in Mount Holyoke College, has been appointed Assistant in Sociology. Mr. Taylor gives courses in Preventive Philanthropy and Urban Sociology in addition to teaching a section in Elementary Sociology. Miss Anna Christine McBride, a graduate of the University of Missouri, has received an appointment in the Department of Economics and Social Science at Bryn Mawr College.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska has set a precedent which should be of interest to other institutions. Recently Dr. George Elliott Howard tendered his resignation, to take effect August 31, 1917; with a view to devoting himself to writing, research, and social service. The Chancellor and the Board of Regents unanimously asked him to withdraw his resignation, offering to raise his salary as professor to that of the highest-

paid dean, requiring him to teach but one semester each year, and granting him leave of absence for the whole of the coming year, with pay. Dr. Howard has accepted.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

The most notable feature of the work of the Department of Sociology has been the work of the North Carolina Club, an account of which has recently been published as the *North Carolina Club Year Book, 1915-1916* (University of North Carolina Record No. 140, Extension Series No. 17, October, 1916). This club is now in its third year's work. It meets for an hour on fortnightly Monday evenings for the study of the resources, advantages, opportunities, and social problems of North Carolina. The various Home County Clubs are affiliated with this club.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Professor John M. Gillette has been carrying on research work in the statistics of rural and urban populations during the last two years, more especially in determining the natural increase in population in each kind of community and the force of the facts which determine increase of population in each of the rural and urban groups. This has been worked out for these kinds of communities, not only for the nation as a whole, but relative to each of the nine geographical divisions. The results of this investigation will appear in the publications of the American Statistical Association in December, 1916.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A Sociological Society with a paid membership of 140 has been established during the past year. The society has undertaken in a tentative way the publication of monographs which represent work done in the sociology seminar. The first two of these are: *Legal Training for Social Workers*, by H. J. McClean, of the regular staff, and *Causes of Fatal Accidents on Highways*, by William Smith, a graduate student. John E. Kienle (A.M. Southern California, 1912), Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles Municipal Housing Commission and Chief Housing Inspector of Los Angeles for several years past, has been added to the Sociology faculty for courses in Housing. An extension course in Sociology is being given this year by Dr. George F. Kenngott. The course, which is given in the evening, and for regular credit, is being taken by fifty members of the Los Angeles Public Health Department. A Sociology Journal Club has been founded this year, meeting weekly.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Professor Emily G. Balch is absent on leave. Mr. Donald S. Tucker, for the past two years Lecturer in Economics in Columbia University, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Economics and Sociology for the year 1916-17, in Miss Balch's absence.

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY; SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES

James Elbert Cutler, Ph.D. (Yale), Professor of Sociology in Western Reserve University, has been made Dean of the School of Applied Social Sciences. This school was opened for the enrolment of students last September. There are now organized in the school the Division of Municipal Administration and Public Service, the Division of Family Welfare and Social Service, and the Course for Public Health Nurses. This latter is a constituent part of a projected Division of Health Administration. Other divisions or departments of work have also been planned. The courses offered have a direct professional end in view, and the advantages derived from the location of the university in the city of Cleveland are utilized. Research is combined with carefully planned field work, and the field work receives credit in the same way that laboratory work does in the older sciences. The school thus offers the advantages of specialized graduate study combined with practical professional training to men and women who desire to engage in social and civic work, such as municipal and state administrative positions, secretarial work with civic and commercial organizations, and executive positions with various types of social agencies. Students in the undergraduate colleges who select the social sciences as their field of concentration may be able, if they properly plan their work, to complete the requirements for the Master's degree in one year. Students coming from other colleges who have completed similar undergraduate courses may also complete the requirements for the Master's degree in one year. Persons of liberal education and practical experience are admitted to courses in which they have special interest, without reference to the attainment of a degree.

WISCONSIN STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

One of the subjects of investigation of the classes in Sociology has been the way school children spend their time out of school. Four thousand returns have been received and tabulated by schools and grades.